

REMARKS

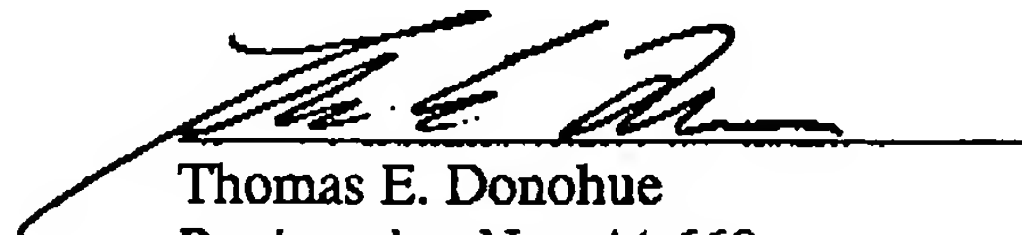
In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 12-14 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting in view of co-pending application Serial No. 10/248,153, which is co-owned by GE Medical Systems Global Technology Company, LLC. Claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15 and 16 were merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 17-20 are allowed.

In response, in order to overcome the double-patenting objection, an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith and the double-patenting rejection should be withdrawn. Authorization is given to charge the fee for filing the Terminal Disclaimer to Deposit Account No. 50-0476.

Inasmuch as the only rejection was a double-patenting rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 12-14 which was overcome by the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims are now allowable and should be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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